Judge Robert Bell,

youngest in history

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Robert Mack Bell. named judge-of the Distriet Court of Maryland by Gov. Mandel, is the young-

est to sit on the bench in the history of the state...

Judge Bell, age 31, has been appointed to sit in the First District in Baltimore and will be sworn in and

begin duties sometime in the first week in January. A Morgan State College and Harvard University Law School honor graduate, he is a member of the AFRO-AMERICAN News-

and chief attorney of the Piper and Marbury Law Firm's branch office. Judge Robert Sweeney,

papers board, of directors.

chief of the Maryland District Court System says of "An attorney young Bell, of such high academic standing and such fine fine standing standing in the community.

will indeed be a asset to the better ICAL Judge Sweeney said he and Judge Bell have scheduled a meeting Friday to determine how quickly he can go on the bench and set the exact date-DEC 10 1974 date-DEC

Judge Bell succeeds. Judge Mary Arabian who has been elevated from the District Court to the Su-

preme Bench of the City of Baltimore. When interviewed by the

AFRO Sunday, Judge Bell said he is gratified by having been named by the governor to the post he considers one of great ophe portunity and honor AN
He stated, This appointment represents for me an opportunity to make some

contribution to the judicial

system which I consider to

be the most important as-

pect of our whole democratic system.

challenge since it is impor- land State Bar Asso. tant that a judge do justice 🗄 and at the same time im-1

"For me the District Court is the most important level of our judicial court system.

"SETCHO-ALITAKONAN the greatest number of people and determines the way in which other levels viewed, it is most important that the best people: serve at this level.

"I hope that I will be a? credit to that system."

Baltimore is the son of Mrs. Ritsa Lee and Phomas Bell of Brooklyn, N.Y. Reared in East Ba Balti-High School in 1961 a highest ranking in a class of 196. At Morgan, he finished in 1965 as second in a class

of 450 in history and politi-He was president of Student Government, Faculty-Student Disciplinary Council; Federation of Presidents and chief justice of the Dormitory Court

A member of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, the Promethean Kanna Tau Honor Society, the Phi Alpha Tieta Historical Honor Society, he is in

Who's Who Among Students and won the President's Second Mile Award in 1966. At Harefo he wig 74. tive in the Community

Law Students Association. Associated with and Marbury since graduation from Howard in 1959.

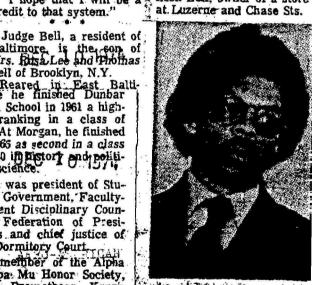
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land Club and the Black

he is a member of the American Bar Associations; Junior Bar Asso. "It also represents a chairman p. 1971-72; Mary land State Bar Asso. C. C. utive chairman and membership committee chairpart to the affected person in man, 1973-74 and Echo the fact that he has been House Foundation Panel dealt will faith 1974 attorneys 10 1074 attornevec He is engaged in the practice of law in the fields of banking and finance; municipal and state law; land development. new towns and criminal and pro bono law.

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His brothers, both of Baltimore, are Joe Louis Pell, owner of a store at Eden and Monument Sts. and Ellison Bell, owner of a store



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